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Committee Bill No. 46

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES TO COVER
MEDICALLY NECESSARY INFANT NUTRITIONAL FORMULA.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-492c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) For purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Inherited metabolic disease" means a disease for which
5 newborn screening is required under section 19a-55.

6 (2) "Low protein modified food product" means a product
7 formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving and
8 intended for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease
9 under the direction of a physician.

10 (3) "Amino acid modified preparation" means a product intended
11 for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease under the
12 direction of a physician.

13 (4) "Specialized formula" means a nutritional formula for infants
14 that is exempt from the general requirements for nutritional labeling

15 under the statutory and regulatory guidelines of the federal Food and
16 Drug Administration and is intended for use solely under medical
17 supervision in the dietary management of specific diseases.

18 (b) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
19 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of
20 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state
21 on or after October 1, 1997, shall provide coverage for amino acid
22 modified preparations and low protein modified food products for the
23 treatment of inherited metabolic diseases if the amino acid modified
24 preparations or low protein modified food products are prescribed for
25 the therapeutic treatment of inherited metabolic diseases and are
26 administered under the direction of a physician.

27 (c) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
28 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of
29 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state
30 on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide coverage for specialized
31 formulas when such specialized formulas are medically necessary for
32 the treatment of a disease or condition and are administered under the
33 direction of a physician.

34 Sec. 2. Section 38a-518c of the general statutes is repealed and the
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

36 (a) For purposes of this section:

37 (1) "Inherited metabolic disease" means a disease for which
38 newborn screening is required under section 19a-55.

39 (2) "Low protein modified food product" means a product
40 formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving and
41 intended for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease
42 under the direction of a physician.

43 (3) "Amino acid modified preparation" means a product intended
44 for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease under the

45 direction of a physician.

46 (4) "Specialized formula" means a nutritional formula for infants
47 that is exempt from the general requirements for nutritional labeling
48 under the statutory and regulatory guidelines of the federal Food and
49 Drug Administration and is intended for use solely under medical
50 supervision in the dietary management of specific diseases.

51 (b) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
52 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of section
53 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or
54 after October 1, 1997, shall provide coverage for amino acid modified
55 preparations and low protein modified food products for the treatment
56 of inherited metabolic diseases if the amino acid modified preparations
57 or low protein modified food products are prescribed for the
58 therapeutic treatment of inherited metabolic diseases and are
59 administered under the direction of a physician.

60 (c) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
61 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (11) and (12) of section
62 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or
63 after October 1, 2001, shall provide coverage for specialized formulas
64 when such specialized formulas are medically necessary for the
65 treatment of a disease or condition and are administered under the
66 direction of a physician.

PH *Joint Favorable*

INS *Joint Favorable*